

MINUTES, LIMESTONE COUNTY COMMISSION, APRIL 16, 2012

The Limestone County Commission met in a regular meeting today, at 10:00 a.m. at the Clinton Street Courthouse Annex, 100 South Clinton Street, Athens, Alabama.

PRESENT: Gary Daly, Gerald Barksdale, James W. "Bill" Latimer, and Bill Daws.
Absent: None. Stanley Menefee, Chairman presided.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOTION was made by Gary Daly and seconded by Gerald Barksdale to approve the minutes of April 2 & 11, 2012.

The Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There was no discussion. The Chairman called the roll. Gary Daly, aye; Gerald Barksdale, aye; James W. "Bill" Latimer, aye; and Bill Daws, aye. Motion carries unanimously.

MOTION was made by Gerald Barksdale and seconded by James W. "Bill" Latimer to approve the following claims

3/30/12	Check # 19128 - 19226	\$ 676,108.31
4/05/12	Check # 19227 - 19302	<u>\$ 685,085.65</u>
	TOTAL	\$1,361,193.96

with detailed claims of the above being on file for review upon request to the County Administrator.

The Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There was no discussion. The Chairman called the roll. Gary Daly, aye; Gerald Barksdale, aye; James W. "Bill" Latimer, aye; and Bill Daws, aye. Motion carries unanimously.

County Attorney, Mark Maclin, presented tax abatement for Carpenter Technology. Limestone County Economic Development Association President, Tom Hill, also spoke about the Carpenter project to be located on the Delphi Plant 23 property.

MOTION was made by Bill Daws and seconded by James W. "Bill" Latimer to suspend the Rules of Order to add a resolution to the agenda for tax abatement.

The Chairman called the roll. Gary Daly, aye; Gerald Barksdale, aye; James W. "Bill" Latimer, aye; and Bill Daws, aye. Motion carries unanimously.

MOTION was made by Gerald Barksdale and seconded by James W. "Bill" Latimer to authorize the Chairman to execute the following resolution.

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**RESOLUTION GRANTING TAX ABATEMENTS TO
CARPENTER TECHNOLOGY CORPORATION**

WHEREAS, the Limestone County Commission, as the governing body of Limestone County, Alabama, desires to promote the economic and industrial development of Limestone County; and

WHEREAS, Carpenter Technology Corporation has announced its intention to acquire, construct and equip a new facility located at 22110 Thomas L. Hammon Road primarily for the purpose of conducting research and development of specialty steel products (the "Project"), such Project to be located within the geographical jurisdiction of the County; and

WHEREAS, Carpenter Technology Corporation will invest approximately \$13,000,000 to acquire, construct and equip the Project and will employ approximately 50 or more employees at the Project over five years; and

WHEREAS, Carpenter Technology Corporation has petitioned the Limestone County Commission to grant abatements of all of the taxes allowed to be abated under Alabama law for the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Limestone County Commission is in receipt of a copy of the form Tax Abatement Agreement (the "Tax Abatement Agreement") between the Carpenter Technology Corporation and the Limestone County for the abatement of all taxes allowed to be abated under Alabama law with respect to the Project; and

WHEREAS, with regard to the Project Carpenter Technology Corporation has filed that certain Application for Abatement of Taxes-Noneducational Sales and Use Taxes, Noneducational Ad Valorem Taxes, and/or Mortgage and Recording Taxes on Industrial Development Property (the "Application"); and

WHEREAS, the Limestone County Commission has found the information contained in the Application to be sufficient to permit the Limestone County Commission to make a reasonable cost/benefit analysis of the Project and to determine the economic benefits of the Project to the community; and

WHEREAS, the Limestone County Commission has determined that Carpenter Technology Corporation should be granted the maximum allowable abatement of taxes provided under Alabama law in order to encourage and induce Carpenter Technology Corporation to locate, construct, and equip the Project within Limestone County and the State of Alabama; and

Upon motion having been duly made by Commissioner Barksdale, and seconded by Commissioner Latimer, to approve the grant to Carpenter Technology Corporation of an abatement of all of the taxes allowed to be abated under Sections 40-9B-1 through -13, Code of Alabama (1975), as amended, with respect to the Project, and the execution of the Tax Abatement Agreement, as proposed; and, with said motion and second having been made in an open meeting of the Commission on the

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16th day of April, 2012, with discussion had thereon and a vote having been taken, upon which vote said motion carried;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LIMESTONE COUNTY COMMISSION, during its meeting on the 16th day of April, 2012, commencing at 10:00 a.m., as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Limestone County Commission does hereby grant to Carpenter Technology Corporation an abatement of all of the taxes allowed to be abated under Sections 40-9B-1 through -13, Code of Alabama (1975), as amended, with respect to the Project, including without limitation, Section 40-9B-4 and as more fully described in the Tax Abatement Agreement. In order to evidence and confirm its grant of tax abatements, the Limestone County Commission hereby formally approves the Tax Abatement Agreement. The Chairman of the Limestone County Commission is hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver said Tax Abatement Agreement to Carpenter Technology Corporation in substantially the form submitted to this meeting, with such changes, insertions, deletions, and omissions as may be approved by the Chairman, the execution of said Tax Abatement Agreement by the Chairman being conclusive evidence of such approval.

The authority granted herein shall be in force and effect immediately upon passage of this resolution.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 16th day of April, 2012.

Limestone County Commission Chairman

ATTEST

County Clerk/Administrator

The Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There was no discussion. The Chairman called the roll. Gary Daly, aye; Gerald Barksdale, aye; James W. "Bill" Latimer, aye; and Bill Daws, aye. Motion carries unanimously.

Chairman Menefee stated he is proud of Limestone County and Tom Hill for leading the state in capital investment during 2011.

MOTION was made by James W. "Bill" Latimer and seconded by Bill Daws to authorize the Chairman to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with TARCOG to award funds to the Commission for maintaining the existing State Health Insurance Program (SHIP) and Medicare Improvements for Patients & Providers Act (MIPPA) grants, in the amount of \$5,000.

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MOTION was made by Gary Daly and seconded by Gerald Barksdale to accept the Hazard Mitigation Grant for a Community Safe Room in Elkmont for a total of \$147,271.00, with Federal share of \$110,453.00 and County share of 36,818.00.

The Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There was no discussion. The Chairman called the roll. Gary Daly, aye; Gerald Barksdale, aye; James W. "Bill" Latimer, aye; and Bill Daws, aye. Motion carries unanimously.

MOTION was made by Bill Daws and seconded by James W. "Bill" Latimer to suspend the Rules of Order to add three contracts and agreements to the agenda for the Department of Youth Services Grant for the Juvenile Probation Office, for May 1, 2012 through September 30, 2012.

The Chairman called the roll. Gary Daly, aye; Gerald Barksdale, aye; James W. "Bill" Latimer, aye; and Bill Daws, aye. Motion carries unanimously.

MOTION was made by James W. "Bill" Latimer and seconded by Bill Daws to authorize the Chairman to execute the following contracts and agreements:

- Renew contract between the Mental Health Center of North Central Alabama, Inc. & Quest Recovery Center for substance abuse services for adolescents, \$1,666.67 monthly.
- Renew contract for the Family Resource Center to manage Community Service for Juvenile Court, \$4,400 for grant period.
- Renew Tracking Solutions for the In Home Detention Ankle Monitoring.

The Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There was no discussion. The Chairman called the roll. Gary Daly, aye; Gerald Barksdale, aye; James W. "Bill" Latimer, aye; and Bill Daws, aye. Motion carries unanimously.

MOTION was made by Gerald Barksdale and seconded by Gary Daly to award the following bid proposal to the lowest responsible bidder meeting specifications as follows:

Proposal No.	Item	Awarded To	Amount
2391	Equipment for Security System for Athens City Schools (EMA)	STS Group	\$4,700.00

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MOTION was made by Bill Daws and seconded by James W. "Bill" Latimer to approve the following merit increases, which are included in the base pay and cost of living pay as listed below.

Name	Position	Effective Date	Current Rate Per Hour	New Rate Per Hour
Kelly Adams	Tax Collection Clerk	4/23/12	12.24	12.61
Brenda Bridgeforth	Homemaker	4/07/12	9.62	9.93
Lauri King	Senior Rx	4/05/12	10.60	10.95
Tracy McConnell	Nutrition Site Manager	4/05/12	9.05	9.34
Jennifer Reece	COA Assistant Director	4/06/12	20.81	21.44
James R. Rouse	Mechanic	4/16/12	14.90	15.36
Delores Thompson	Volunteer Coordinator	4/07/12	11.28	11.67
Leigh Todd	Appraisal Clerk	4/29/12	12.24	12.61

The Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There was no discussion. The Chairman called the roll. Gary Daly, aye; Gerald Barksdale, aye; James W. "Bill" Latimer, aye; and Bill Daws, aye. Motion carries unanimously.

County Engineer, Richard Sanders, stated the debris contractor will tentatively begin this Wednesday to pick up tornado debris.

Commissioner Bill Daws asked George Hill about property for sale. Mr. Hill stated that he has ten acres of property on Elm Street, east of the jail, for \$500,000.00.

Recessed at 10:25 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 2, 2012, at the Washington Street Courthouse Annex, 310 West Washington Street, Athens, AL.